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BY TELECOPY (W/OUT ATTACHMENTS) AND MAIL

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Re: United States v. Juan Conce a/k/a "King Santos";  
Criminal No. 04-10049 WGY

Dear Mr. Hrones:

Pursuant to Rule 116.1 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the government hereby provides you with the following automatic discovery in the above-referenced case:

A. Rule 16 Materials

1. Statements of Defendant under Rule 16(a)(1)(A)

a. Written Statements

There are no relevant written statements of the defendant Juan Conce, a/k/a "King Santos" (hereinafter referred to as "the defendant") in the possession, custody, or control of the government.

b. Recorded Statements

Consensual audio and video tape-recordings were made of personal meetings and telephone conversations involving the defendant and a cooperating witness ("CW-1") as is indicated in the index attached as Exhibit 1. These tapes are available for your review and a copy of them is being prepared and will be forwarded. A copy of the audiotapes will also be sent to the

institution at which the defendant is being held in accordance with LR 116.4.

To date, draft transcripts of these tapes have not been prepared. However, summaries of some of the recorded conversations have been prepared as part of Bates Number documents 1-1028 that have previously been provided to you.

c. Grand Jury Testimony of the defendant

The defendant did not testify before the grand jury. Nor am I aware of any other statements made by him to law enforcement agents other than answers to the standard booking questions that would have been posed to him after his arrest or as may be referenced in the reports produced in this action. If I become aware of any such additional statements, I will advise you at once.

d. Oral Statements to then Known Government Agents

Other than booking statements referenced in the preceding paragraph and other statements that may be referenced in the reports produced in this matter, I am presently unaware of any oral statements made by the defendant before or after arrest, in response to interrogation by a person then known by the defendant to be a government agent, which the government intends to use at trial. If I become aware of any such statements, I will advise you at once.

2. Defendant's Prior Record under Rule 16(a)(1)(B)

I understand that you received a copy of the prior criminal record of the defendant from Pretrial Services. Please contact me if you need a duplicate copy.

3. Documents and Tangible Objects under Rule 16(a)(1)(C)

All books, papers, documents and tangible items that are within the possession, custody, and control of the government, and which are material to the preparation of the defendant's defense, or are intended for use by the government as evidence in chief at the trial of this matter, or were obtained from or belong to the defendant, may be examined by contacting the undersigned Assistant United States Attorney and making an appointment to view the same at a mutually convenient time.

4. Reports of Examinations and Tests under Rule 16(a)(1)(D)

Copies of the DEA-7 laboratory reports relating to the drugs purchased from the defendant have been produced. Any additional laboratory reports received after the date of this letter will be forwarded to you when they are available.

Should we be unable to reach a stipulation as to the results of the examination of the drugs seized in this case, the government plans to offer testimony concerning the results of the laboratory analysis of the drug exhibits (i.e., that they are cocaine base) and testimony from the case agent or another qualified law enforcement agent that the drugs are that particular form of cocaine base known as crack cocaine. That testimony will be based on the agent's training and experience and his inspection of the color, appearance, texture, and/or odor of the drugs purchased from the defendant. The basis for such an opinion is more fully described in the grand jury testimony of S/A Mark Karangekis already produced to you and in the additional grand jury testimony (Bates Number documents 1029-1089) that are attached as Exhibit 2.

B. Search Materials under Local Rule 116.1(C)(1)(b)

No search warrants were conducted of property belonging to the defendant in this case. Any items seized from the defendant at the time of his arrest may be examined by appointment in accordance with paragraph 3, above and a copy of any agency reports describing any inventory search will be provided to you upon receipt by this office. Search warrant materials concerning other searches in other cases are attached as Bates Numbered documents 1090-1172 that are also attached as part of Exhibit 2. Returns for those warrants (and reports summarizing the searches) will be provided upon receipt.

The government is not in possession of reports related to the seizures of evidence in this case that it anticipates offering in its case-in-chief beyond those items otherwise described in this letter.

C. Electronic Surveillance under Local Rule 116.1(C)(1)(c)

No oral, wire or electronic communications of your client were intercepted by the government in connection with this case pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2518.

D. Consensual Interceptions under Local Rule 116.1(C)(1)(d)

As discussed above, this case involved the use of consensual monitored meetings and conversations that were recorded. Although summaries of some conversations have been prepared (and, as is indicated above, have been produced), no formal transcripts of these tapes (either draft or final) are presently available. Any such transcripts that are prepared will be made available to you in accordance with Local Rule 116.4(B). Although not required by Local Rule 116.1(C)(1)(d)(i), the government has also produced the FBI-302 and other reports relating to these consensual recordings and other contacts with the defendant concerning the offenses described in the Indictment. These reports were also included in the documents previously produced as Bates Number documents 1-1028.

E. Unindicted Coconspirators under Local Rule 116.1(C)(1)(e)

The reports and the detention affidavit previously produced in this matter indicate that the Almighty Latin Kings/Queens Nation operating in Lawrence and Lowell Massachusetts is a cohesive organization that has as one of its institutional objectives the promotion and protection of drug trafficking by its members. The Latin Kings chapters in Lawrence and Lowell, Massachusetts benefits from the drug trafficking of its members by, among other things, requiring them to pay tribute to the gang as indicated by the receipt attached to the detention affidavit as Exhibit 3. The government alleges that the gang also required its members to undertake "missions" (including acts of violence) when its geographic primacy in specified areas was threatened by competing drug traffickers and would police drug dealing by its members who cheated other Latin Kings in drug transactions.

The government alleges that the defendant occupied a leadership position in the Latin Kings and that he was therefore aware of these policies and was involved in (and benefitted from) their implementation and execution in concert with other leaders and senior members of the Almighty Latin King/Queen Nation to include the following individuals, among others:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the government alleges that the defendant conspired with other unknown individuals in the distribution of drugs and the exercise of geographic and other control over members and associates of the Latin Kings as also described in the documents previously produced. Further information regarding these individuals and other possible unindicted co-conspirators can be found in the reports previously produced in this matter.

F. Identifications under Local Rule 116.1(C)(1)(f)

There were several kinds of identification procedures used in the course of this investigation. In addition to traditional photographic arrays and identifications made by surveillance agents who were personally familiar with targets of the investigation, agents working on the case frequently reviewed videos of controlled purchases and compared the image of the individual on the video to booking or other photographs of suspected targets. All such procedures of which I am aware are described in the police reports previously produced. All videos taken in this case will be made in accordance with the procedures described below.

As indicated in the reports previously provided to you (Bates number 32), on December 4, 2002, CW-1 identified Juan Conce, a/k/a "King Santos" from a photographic array. Apart from this procedure, and as may be indicated in the documents produced to date, I have no information indicating that the defendant was the subject of an investigative identification procedure used with a witness the government anticipates calling in its case-in-chief involving a line-up, show-up, photo-spread or other display of an image of the defendant. In the event I become aware that such a procedure was used, I will advise you at that time and will provide you with copies of any tangible evidence reflecting, used in or memorializing the identification procedures.

G. Exculpatory Evidence under Local Rule 116.2

With respect to the government's obligation under Local Rule 116.2(B)(1) to produce "exculpatory evidence" as that term is defined in Local Rule 116.2(A), the government states as follows:

1. The government is aware of no evidence that would tend directly to negate the defendants' guilt concerning any count in the Indictment.

2. The government is aware of no information that would cast doubt on the admissibility of evidence that the government anticipates offering as part of its case-in-chief and that could be subject to a motion to suppress or exclude.

3. The drug purchases made from the defendant in this case were made by the CW described in paragraph A.1.b., above. Other than CW-1, no promises, rewards, or inducements have been given to any witness whom the government presently anticipates calling as part of its case-in-chief.

Prior to the date of this letter, CW-1 received \$17,275 from the FBI in connection with its involvement in this and other investigations. This total includes payments for expenses.

In addition to these payments, additional rewards, payments, and inducements were given to CW-1 in connection with a probation violation pending against the CW in state court. The assistance on this matter included the payment of monies used to satisfy monetary obligations in the state court and otherwise resolving this matter. Law enforcement officials also assisted CW-1 in having his/her driving privileges restored/maintained. The government has also advised CW-1 that it will provide him with further assistance necessary to ensure CW-1's safety and the safety of CW-1's family.

Pursuant to Local Rule 116.6(A), the government declines to disclose at this time the identity of CW-1. The government believes that such a disclosure would be detrimental to the interests of justice. The government takes the position that the exposure of the identity of CW-1 would put its safety and the safety of its family in jeopardy. The government is prepared to identify CW-1 at a reasonable time before trial.

4. Other than CW-1, the government is unaware that any of its named case-in chief-witnesses has any criminal record or criminal cases pending. A redacted copy of the criminal record of CW-1 is attached as Exhibit 3. As is indicated in Exhibit 3, the government also understands that CW-1 was charged and convicted of further crime in another state since the period of its cooperation ended. Pursuant to Local Rule 116.6(A), the government declines to produce further information about this matter at this time because it would tend to disclose identifying information about CW-1 and therefore endanger it. The government will disclose information about this matter at a reasonable time before trial.

5. No named percipient witness failed to make a positive identification with respect to the crimes described in the indictment.

H. Other Matters

The government recognizes that its duty of disclosure and discovery as set forth in Local Rule 116 and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure is a continuing one. In addition, please consider this letter to be a request for reciprocal discovery pursuant to Local Rule 116.1(D) and Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(b). I request that you provide a written response to my request for reciprocal discovery within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

I. Request for Alibi Information

According to the government's evidence, meetings and or conversations took place with the defendant on the following dates and times. At approximately 6:20 p.m. on 4/17/03, CW-1 made a consensually recorded call to the defendant and the defendant and CW-1 made arrangements to meet at the Walgreens parking lot on Jackson Street in Lawrence at 7 p.m. for the defendant to sell CW-1 14 grams of crack cocaine. At approximately 7:10 p.m., the defendant arrived at the Walgreens parking lot on Jackson Street in Lawrence driving a blue Mazda Protege bearing MA registration 6128 AH. The defendant got into CW-1's car and they drove from the parking lot at approximately 7:12 p.m. CW-1 and the defendant drove around Lawrence for approximately 15 minutes and then returned to the Walgreens parking lot at approximately 7:35 p.m. The defendant then got back into the blue Mazda and drove to the corner of Woodland Street and East Haverhill Street in Lawrence. The defendant got out of his car and went into his house. The defendant remained in his house until an unknown Hispanic male arrived at approximately 7:41 p.m. and went into the house. A few moments later, the Hispanic male left and the defendant came out of the house and got into CW-1's car and then left moments later.

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 12.1, the government hereby requests notice of any intention to offer an alibi defense to the charged offense or any of the above-captioned meetings or conversations.

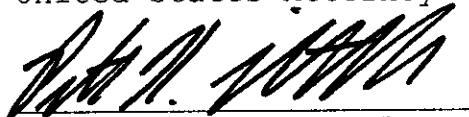


If you have any questions about any of this information or wish to discuss this case, please call us at (617) 748-3100.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN  
United States Attorney

By:



JOHN A. WORTMANN, JR.  
PETER K. LEVITT  
Assistant U.S. Attorneys

enclosures

cc (w/out encl.): Bonnie Smith, Courtroom Clerk to  
Chief Judge William G. Young (with  
information regarding co-conspirators  
redacted)